

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

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6. (currently amended) A shapeable, weather-resistant anti-slip panel having comprising a cut-resistant anti-slip coating on a working surface of an inflexible rigid substrate and having a pattern of cuttable uncoated, cutting lines therein on the substrate; whereby, in use, the substrate can be cut along selected uncoated cutting lines to obtain a desired panel shape.

7. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6 wherein the substrate is weather resistant and has the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating solely on a the working surface of the substrate.

8. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6 wherein the substrate is weather vulnerable, the whole of the substrate is coated and the pattern of intersecting uncoated cutting lines is solely applied to a the working surface of the substrate.

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9. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6 and having comprising a pattern of drillable uncoated, drilling areas in on the cut-resistant coating substrate; whereby, in use, the substrate can be drilled at selected uncoated, drilling areas to obtain a desired placement of fixing holes.

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10. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 9 and having wherein a the pattern of intersecting uncoated, cutting lines intersect to form the pattern of drillable uncoated, drilling areas.

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11. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6 9, comprising said wherein the pattern comprises anti-slip cuttable uncoated, cutting lines or and drillable uncoated, drilling areas on the or each working surface thereof.

12. (previously amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the anti-slip coating comprises anti-slip particles in an adherent coating.

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13. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 12, wherein the ~~or each~~ working surface has a pattern of anti-slip particles embedded therein.

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14. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 8 ~~13~~, wherein the pattern of ~~anti-slip particles~~ comprises particle-free lines or areas of coated substrate.

15. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the substrate ~~is an unsaturated polyester based on an orthophthalic resin filled with e-glass fibre and~~ has a Shore D hardness of between 80 and 100.

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16. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the substrate ~~is an unsaturated polyester based on an orthophthalic resin filled with e-glass fibre and~~ has a maximum deflection of 25° when 1 kg is suspended from a fixed panel test piece 100 mm long x 20 mm wide x 3-3.5 mm thick.

17. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cut-resistant anti-slip coating includes an angular and cubic ~~aluminum oxide~~ particulate with a Polished Stone Value of between 50 to 100 and a mohs hardness of between 9 and 10.

Claims 18-20 (cancelled)

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21. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 16 ~~20~~, wherein the ~~substrate is of a weather resistant material and~~ the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating is solely on a ~~the~~ working surface of the substrate.

22. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim ~~7~~ ~~21~~ wherein the weather-resistant substrate material is selected from the ~~class comprising group consisting of~~ glass reinforced plastic; resin; ~~thermo-set or and~~ thermo-plastic materials.

Claim 23 (cancelled)

011 24. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 8 20, wherein the weather vulnerable substrate material is wood.

Claim 25 (cancelled)

012 26. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 15 25, wherein the substrate is of a weather resistant material and the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating is solely on a the working surface of the substrate.

Claims 27-30 (cancelled)

013 31. (currently amended) A panel as claimed in claim 17 30, wherein the substrate is of a weather resistant material and the cut-resistant, anti-slip coating is solely on a the working surface of the substrate.

Claims 32-34 (cancelled)

014 35. (new) An anti-slip panel, comprising:  
a substrate having a working surface and being made of a first material having a first hardness; and  
a cut-resistant anti-slip coating on the working surface of said substrate, said coating being made of a second material having a second hardness greater than the first hardness, said coating defining a pattern of uncoated, cutting lines on the working surface of said substrate;  
wherein said panel is devoid of said second material along said cutting lines.

36. (new) The panel of claim 35, wherein the working surface is exposed along said cutting lines.

37. (new) The panel of claim 35, wherein at least two of said cutting lines extend continuously and intersect each other.

38. (new) The panel of claim 35, further comprising a base resin disposed between the working surface of said substrate and said coating, said base resin bonding the second material of said coating to the working surface of said substrate.

39. (new) The panel of claim 38, wherein said coating is made of a plurality of particles of said second material, said base resin bonding said particles together.

40. (new) The panel of claim 39, wherein the particles have a particle size of 0.85-1.7 mm and are made of aluminum oxide.

41. (new) The panel of claim 35, wherein the first material is a unsaturated polyester based on an orthophthalic resin filled with e-glass fiber.

42. (new) The panel of claim 38, wherein the base resin is a unsaturated polyester based on an orthophthalic resin.

43. (new) The panel of claim 35, further comprising a top basin formed over said coating and said cutting lines.

44. (new) The panel of claim 43, wherein the base resin and the top basin are made of same material.

45. (new) The panel of claim 43, wherein the base resin and the top basin are made of same unsaturated polyester based on an orthophthalic resin.

46. (new) The panel of claim 35, wherein said coating is made of a plurality of particles of said second material, said particles being embedded in the first material of said substrate.

47. (new) A stair tread which is an anti-slip panel, said panel comprising:

a substrate having a working surface and being made of a first material having a first hardness; and

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*cont* a cut-resistant anti-slip coating on the working surface of said substrate, said coating being made of a second material having a second hardness greater than the first hardness, said coating defining a pattern of uncoated, cutting lines on the working surface of said substrate;

wherein said panel is devoid of said second material along said cutting lines.

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